

MEREDITH ELECTED TO STATE COURT

SUPPLY OF COAL CARS DROPS OFF ON MONONGAHELA

B. & O. Car Supply Holding Up Well Despite Existing Shortage of Cars.

1,569 CARS LOADED

Empty Supply on Five Divisions in Region Declines 16 Per Cent Today.

Power coal cars were furnished to the coal mines of Northern West Virginia today than yesterday. In fact, on five of the principal divisions there was a decline of car supply from 38 per cent yesterday to 23 per cent today. Not one of the divisions had as large a percentage of cars today as on Wednesday.

However, on the Monongahela Division, the drop was but a percentage today compared to yesterday, showing that the B. & O. car supply is holding up well. The nearest cut today is on the Monongahela, where there is a shrinkage of 41 per cent compared to yesterday, but the West Virginia and Pennsylvania districts take turns of their coal and lease days, placements alternating day after day. On the Western Maryland there is an 18 per cent cut today from 31 yesterday. Along the Morgantown and Wheeling today there is a 22 per cent cut against yesterday, while mines along the Charleston Division today have a 10 per cent cut of coal cars against yesterday.

Divisional Placements.—Mineside today along the Monongahela Division, B. & O. aggregate 166 cars, being 228 that ordered cars, and eighty-two operations loading cars. There were 889 coal cars placed at 7 o'clock this morning. The empties on the division today were 729, and it was expected that practically all of the cars would be placed in time for today's loading. Mines today ordered 2,135 coal cars, of which 400 were for railroad fuel and 1,735 for commercial loading. Forty coke cars were ordered. Bethlehem Mines Corporation cars on the division today numbered thirteen.

Along the Charleston Division today the mines ordered 310 coal cars, but the early morning placement was 58. On the Monongahela there were 350 coal cars and the early morning placement was 70. Along the Morgantown and Wheeling Railway today there were 456 cars ordered but 104 placed. Along the Western Maryland there were 7 empties placed today. In the Pennsylvania district of the Monongahela Railway there were 255

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SPECIAL AUCTION SALE
Bar, Looking Glass, good for confectionery or Restaurant. Will be sold at 212 Water Street, Saturday 2 P. M.

APPLES FOR SALE

Wednesday morning one car of hand picked York Imperial Apples from Martinsburg, W. Va. Bring sacks or baskets with you. Look for S. A. L. Car No. 14609. Our prices will suit you.

B. T. SOUTHERN

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NOVEMBER 10TH

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The West Virginian

4-MINUTE SPEECHES TO BE GIVEN SUNDAY

Four-minute speakers will address the congregation of the various churches at the morning services Sunday. The speakers will consist of workers engaged in the interests of the union Oriental women's college. An interesting feature of the affair is the fact that Mrs. Claude H. King, wife of the pastor of the M. E. Church, will address the congregation of the Presbyterian Church, while Mrs. H. G. Stoetzer, wife of the local Presbyterian minister, will speak to the members of the M. E. Church. The other speakers and their appointments have not been announced yet.

FUNERAL OF WM. CHARLTON HELD

Impressive Services Held for Local Man Both Here and at Mannington.

Impressive funeral services were held today at the home of Sheriff J. D. Charlton on Main street for his son, William B. Charlton, who met a tragic death Sunday evening while driving near Fairview. The services were conducted by the Rev. Claude H. King, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, who paid a high tribute of respect to the life and character of the young man. A large number of relatives, friends and associates were present for the services, and the floral offerings were numerous and beautiful, bearing silent testimony to the esteem in which the deceased was held in the community.

The services were held at 12:30 o'clock and at 1 o'clock the funeral cortege went to Mannington where further services were held at 2:30 o'clock at the Methodist Episcopal Church, conducted by the Rev. John Beddow. The church was packed to capacity, and many could not gain entrance to the building. The Reverend Mr. Beddow, who was intimately associated with the deceased when he was a resident of Mannington, also spoke feelingly of the character and life of Mr. Charlton.

A large number of former school mates of this city went to Mannington with the funeral party and were joined there by school friends from that place. The pall bearers were all intimate friends, being Walter Glover, Paul Willis, Henry Thompson, Jack Vangilder, Bliss Sturm, Harley Beall, Joseph Hamilton and Claude Kendall.

Following the services at the Mannington church, the body was buried at the Mannington Cemetery by Musgrave and Son.

The following relatives were here for the funeral: Mrs. P. L. Hoffman of Hanesville, La., an aunt; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith and little daughter; and Miss Blanche Smith of Buckhannon. Mrs. Arthur Smith being a sister; Mrs. Arthur Brice Wallace of St. Clairsville, Ohio; Mrs. Howard Powell of Rochester, Pa.; Coy Conaway and Scott and Paul Wallace of Barnesville, Ohio, and Claude Kendall, a student at West Virginia University.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS
The following real estate transfers have been filed for recording in the office of County Clerk Lee N. Satterfield:

Flat Run Gas Coal Co. to Whyel Coke Co., the Pittsburgh vein of coal underlying a parcel of land on Pyles Fork of Buffalo Creek in Mannington District. Consideration \$215,000.

Eldora Moran and wife to Brooks Morgan, a parcel of land in Winfield District. Consideration \$500.

CONSTABLE'S SALE
November 10 at 10 A. M. at the Farm of Otis Martin on Mill Fall Run in Fairmont District, Marion County, West Virginia. 120 Dozen Oats, 35 Dozen Millet, 170 Shocks of corn, 9 Stacks of Hay and 2 Hogs.

C. W. HAWKINS, Constable.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

All persons paying their county taxes before December 1st will receive the benefit of a 2-1/2 per cent discount.

J. D. CHARLTON, Sheriff.

LAKE CARS TO BE CHARGED AGAINST COAL OPERATORS

Several Local Producers to Attend Conference in Chicago Next Week.

Coal cars being furnished to coal operators for lake shipments on the P. & L. E., Morgantown and Wheeling, P. C. and Y. B. & O., and other roads enjoying a 50 per cent cut of cars on that basis will be counted, and it will not be a free car supply as first reported. The overcharges will be made up after the lake requirements are taken care of.

Going to Chicago

A number of coal operators in Northern West Virginia will leave Fairmont Sunday evening to attend the conference at Chicago incident to the operators-miners conference there, which starts Tuesday. At this conference ways and means for proceeding into future wage negotiations as a substitute for the old Central Competitive idea will be formulated. Following this meeting a general conference will be held between operators and miners representatives in Cleveland during the early part of January.

Those expected to make the trip are: A. Lisle White, Clarksburg, president of the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators Association; C. H. Jenkins, Fairmont, selected by the operators of Northern West Virginia to represent them at the conference; John A. Clark, Jr., and a number of representatives from the Consolidation Coal Co., presumably Frank R. Lyon, vice president; Brooks Fleming, assistant to the president; C. H. Tarleton, general manager of the West Virginia Division; and Tusck Morris, attorney. E. S. McCullough, labor commissioner of the association, will attend the conference.

Monongahela Meeting.—It is understood that the Monongahela Coal Association will meet this afternoon in Morgantown. Just what business will be transacted could not be learned, but it was rumored in coal circles today that the association would probably decide to disband.

The Monongahela Coal Association has a brief life, having had its inception just prior to the expiration of the union wage contract, which expired April 1 last. It was formed chiefly to start an open shop field in Northern West Virginia, especially among the mines along the Monongahela and Morgantown and Wheeling Railway.

After considerable difficulties were surmounted, which included a series of court injunctions, some non-union coal was being produced. The non-union effort perhaps was more successful for a time as a whole than any place in the region, with the possible exception of the Elkfield field, which continues to run non-union.

However, a break in the operators' ranks resulted in a general stampede.

While the miners signed up a contract in Northern West Virginia on the basis of companies rather than an association the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' Association and its labor department were alone recognized, which left the Monongahela association in a helpless and isolated position. Abandonment is about the only move as its organization would be simply paralyzing the work of the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' Association, which naturally, because of its years of standing, is the only recognized association of operators in the northern part of the state. This applies to labor, traffic and all matters, more or less.

With the Miners
Patrick Buckley, vice president of sub district 4, is in Wyatt today.

With Tuesday's slaughter over, the miners are turning once again to their own election. It will be (Continued on Page Eight)

CHARLTON'S COMPANION IN CRITICAL CONDITION

John Maxwell, who was injured in the automobile accident Sunday, which resulted in the death of William B. Charlton, is in a serious condition at Cook's Hospital, where he was taken following the accident. Mr. Maxwell, who is 28 years old, is suffering from a very severe compound fracture of the leg and bad bruises about the body. He is a resident of Wheeling.

APPRAISEMENT BILL

The appraisal bill of the personal estate of E. T. Keener deceased was filed in the office of County Clerk Lee N. Satterfield today by the appraisers appointed by the court, showing that the estate is valued at \$5,377.05. The appraisers were Melvin Barker, Clyde Vincent and John Thrasher.

MINISTER ORDAINED AT MEETING HERE

The Rev. Fred L. Thompson of Jacksonville, W. Va., was ordained to the ministry at a special session of the Grafton Presbytery held at the Presbyterian Church in this city yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Reverend Mr. Thompson will be stationed at Jacksonville and New Martinsville and will have charge of two churches.

At the meeting yesterday were Prof. Charles Cantrell, Ph. D., moderator, Morgantown; the Rev. J. V. Kountz, clerk, Mannington; the Rev. H. G. Stoetzer, Fairmont; the Rev. E. M. Moser, Edgemont; the Rev. James Ferguson, Buckhannon; the Rev. Alexander Moccia, Clarksburg; and Charles M. Ritchie, this city.

WEST VIRGINIAN GETS POST STORY

First Installment of Detective Story by Noted Writer to Appear Monday.

The West Virginian has been fortunate in obtaining the serial rights for the "Triumphs of M. Jonquille," a series of nine interesting and compelling mystery stories centered around Monsieur Jonquille, "perfect of the police of Paris," by Melville Davison Post one of West Virginia's most noted writers.

The first of the series will appear in Monday's issue of The West Virginian. Mr. Post has done more to advertise the Little Moon State in the literary world than any other resident of the state. He lives near Clarksburg on the plateau leading from that city to Buckhannon. His home is called Chalet and is built on the lines of the old Swiss houses. It is in this home that Mr. Post does most of his writing, and the serial that will start in The West Virginian Monday were written at the Chalet.

The following extracts from a story written by a member of the staff of the Clarksburg Telegram and printed in that newspaper on Sunday, June 5, of this year tell of Mr. Post's home, his theory of story writing and many other interesting incidents concerning the writer of "Triumphs of M. Jonquille."

"On the bench of a towering and majestic hill overlooking the sluggish and creeping waters of a tributary of Elk Creek and the pasture lands of the hills beyond, Melville Davison Post, the master of detective fiction, creates the mystery stories which present critics have acclaimed as superior to the famous Sherlock Holmes tales. It is there at the Chalet, Mr. Post's handsome, country residence, fourteen dusty miles from Clarksburg on the Buckhannon road, that many of his most notable stories have been written."

"Mr. Post scoffs at inspiration and describes in detail the manner in which a fiction narrative is constructed."

"Inspiration? The author of the celebrated Uncle Abner and Randolph Mason stories almost snappet the word, 'is mostly a pious fraud! It is a pretension to mediocrity,' he said. 'The writing of a short story is a combination of hard work and the following of certain well-defined structural rules.' Mr. Post continued. 'Inspiration,' he said, 'does not enter the literary art any more than (Continued on Page Eight)'

LOCAL PEOPLE GO ON WASHINGTON TOUR

Four persons went to Washington, D. C. yesterday on the B. & O. ten day tour. The round trip fare is \$11.05 and the next tour will be held on Wednesday, December 6.

C. J. Proudfoot, Wheeling, district passenger agent, was in Fairmont today on business. According to Mr. Proudfoot the B. & O. will offer special train service to Morgantown for the football game on Thanksgiving Day, although details have not been worked out as yet. There will possibly be special service from Charleston, also.

Col. H. C. Nutt, Pittsburgh, president and H. B. Pierce, Brownsville, Pa., assistant superintendent, Monongahela Railway, returned to their homes on Pennsylvania train No. 305 yesterday afternoon at 4:10 o'clock after gaining here.

A part of fourteen people, several of whom were from Fairmont, Morgantown and Clarksburg left Clarksburg on B. & O. train No. 1 early this morning for Brownsville, Texas, in the Rio Grande Valley to investigate the project of the South Texas Land Co. They will travel over the B. & O. as far as St. Louis, the end of the system.

ANNIVERSARY OF ROTARIANS HERE OBSERVED TODAY

Burlesque Program Features Celebration of Installation of Club.

The fifth anniversary of the Fairmont Rotary Club was celebrated this noon with an 100 per cent meeting. Every Rotarian in the city was in attendance excepting two who were prevented from being present on account of sickness, President Bob Miller and the committee named last week to carry the Rotary wheel to Morgantown were present at the Rotary meeting in the neighboring city, so, consequently, the ambition of Secretary Harry Engle for a full Rotarian attendance on the fifth birthday was happily realized.

The meeting was one of the most interesting in the experience of the local organization. A number of Rotarians were heard to remark that they had not enjoyed a Rotary luncheon so much since the initial meeting on Thursday, November 9, 1917. It is certain that there was novelty galore this noon, which made the moments speed along and gave every member of the club a splendid good time.

Following the invocation by Captain Carr the meeting was taken in hand by Vice President King Cole and after the introduction of visitors, including Rotarian Newman of Cleveland, Ohio, the minutes of the first Rotary meeting in Fairmont were read. They described the organization of the local body in the ball room of the Fairmont Hotel on Thursday evening, November 9, 1917. The ceremony was conducted by a delegation of forty-nine members of the Clarksburg Rotary Club and eight members of the Wheeling Rotary Club.

The first meeting was made up of twenty-eight Fairmont business men, headed by Paul Lange. Mr. Lange was elected president and took the gavel. Harry Engle was secretary; Charles G. Hood, treasurer, and B. L. Satterfield, sergeant-at-arms. Messages of congratulations and welcome were received at that time from Rotary clubs throughout the district, as well as from national and international officers of the organization. Following the reading of the first meeting minutes, today's program was turned over to the entertainment committee.

Lamar Satterfield, who is widely known as one of the best singers in Rotary and a singing master, par excellence, mounted the platform and coaxed songs from the previously undiscovered Rotarian vocalists. He rounded up the singers by tables, having first one table of Rotarians sing to the accompaniment of Miss Nell Douglas and then another. The stunt went the entire round of the gathering, and quite to the surprise of all present there was considerable talent in evidence. Kenna Kroll table went strong on "Drop a Nickel on the Drum," Howard Ross table showed a fair portion of ability with "Little Prairie Flower," and Harry Hartley's table gained hearty applause with "Id Rather Belong to Rotary Than Anything Else I Know."

But the sterling fell far short of the real entertainment feature of the day's program. Indeed, the whole South Side and, perchance, the entire city may have heard strange, unearthly sounds issuing forth from the Y. M. C. A. during the luncheon hour with misgivings as to what they meant. Not a few Rotarians described them in language rich and rare. However it was only the opening overture rendered by the Fairmont Rotary Club gold plated brass band playing forth to lull the senses of the surrounding populace. The band is, indeed, a dandy, and every member of it deserves the highest commendation for the splendid effort put forth to entertain those who were less fortunate in being unable to play a band instrument.

First of all, a half-price portion of the band marched into the dining room. This was composed of Lamar Satterfield, playing the fife; Jim Ahern, snare drum; Doc. Hugh Carr, cymbals; and Doc L. D. Howard, bass drum. They got away with "Yankee Doodle" without accident. Arriving at the piano end of the room they were joined by the shining lights who toyed with the gold-plated brass instruments. The brass-artists in particular were Doc Johnson, alto horn; Sam R. Nuzum, bass horn; Harry Hartley, trombone; Howard Ross, cornet and Hugh Smith, French horn.

Placards denoting the musical (?) numbers were mounted on a stand and as the program progressed were uncovered to assure all present as to just what was being played. Even though the listening Rotarians might not be (Continued on Page Eight)

Vote by Counties for Supreme Court -250 Precincts Missing

County	Total Precincts	Neely	U. S. Senator Pre-Neely	U. S. Senator Pre-Sutherland	McGinnis	Meredith	Supreme Court Pre-Neely	Supreme Court Pre-Sutherland
Barbour	32	2,438	2,395	2,301	2,390			
Berkeley	44	2,962	3,078	2,916	2,989			
Boone	24	2,822	1,641	2,921	1,737			
Braxton	50	4,134	4,133	4,260	3,640			
Brooke	22	2,034	2,043	1,813	2,074			
Cabell	71	9,307	8,155	9,259	8,195			
Calhoun	15	1,875	1,303	1,821	1,344			
Clay	17	1,633	1,675	340	310	16		
Doddridge	20	1,230	2,163	1,126	2,162			
Fayette	98	8,445	7,753	8,279	7,667	1		
Gilmer	18	1,851	1,101	1,824	1,101			
Grant	15	349	1,153	314	1,101			
Greenbrier	49	4,034	2,431	1,922	1,001	28		
Hampshire	26	1,946	867	681	1,158			
Hancock	15	786	1,243	681	1,158			
Hardy	13	1,637	865	1,902	858	9		
Harrison	99	9,542	8,757	8,875	9,003			
Jackson	31	2,317	2,844	2,275	2,872			
Jefferson	21	2,423	1,116	1,762	741			
Kanawha	180	17,317	15,063	16,558	15,272	4		
Lewis	47	2,844	3,384	2,880	3,640			
Lincoln	28	2,497	2,201	2,481	2,193	3		
Logan	46	6,720	1,945	6,236	1,690			
Marion	50	9,240	7,972	8,097	8,318			
Marshall	46	3,607	4,334	3,239	4,466			
Mason	36	2,838	3,199	2,874	3,204			
Mercer	64	7,910	5,845	7,816	5,765			
Mineral	23	1,801	2,019	1,610	2,026			
Mingo	25	2,893	2,160	2,858	1,979	9		
Monongalia	40	3,196	3,919	2,154	3,541	8		
Monroe	15	2,592	2,369	2,590	2,337			
Morgan	18	905	1,504	837	1,212	1		
McDowell	63	3,638	7,392	3,640	7,752			
Nicholas	32	3,207	2,684	3,155	2,673			
Ohio	87	6,634	6,759	6,498	7,377			
Pendleton	13			13		13		
Pleasants	13	1,427	1,348	1,382	1,389			
Pocahontas	26	1,978	1,497	3		26		
Preston	50	1,531	3,571	3	3,536	3		
Putnam	36	2,306	2,207	2,287	2,193			
Raleigh	58	4,122	3,011	18	4,447	3,452	13	
Randolph	41	2,834	1,586	24	2,845	1,433	21	
Ritchie	27	1,829	3,054	1,813	3,007			
Roane	23	3,037	3,468			23		
Summers	28	1,700	1,169	16	1,744	1,181	16	
Taylor	30	2,175	2,209	1,890	2,286			
Tucker	26	1,736	1,924	1,806	1,806			
Tyler	24	1,823	2,510	1,535	2,516			
Upshur	29	1,291	3,294	1,260	3,096			
Wayne	35	1,806	973	21	1,607	1,007	21	
Webster	20	1,474	888	7	955	542	7	
Wetzel	39	4,355	2,820	3,822	2,896			
Wirt	17	1,478	1,437			17		
Wood	48	7,440	6,465	6,892	6,672			
Wyoming	23	1,599	1,895	1,604	1,753			
Total	2,909	134,621	173,078	124	163,079	167,903	250	

AUSTIN RECEIVES DEATH SENTENCE

Man Convicted of Killing Policeman at Moundsville to Hang July 6.

MOONSVILLE, Nov. 9.—Elmer Austin, convicted with murder in connection with the slaying of Patrolman H. Bartells of the local police force on April 30, was today sentenced to hang at the state prison on July 6. Austin was the first convicted of murder, in which there was no recommendation for mercy since 1915, when "Smoke" Thomas was convicted and later hanged for killing his wife. Austin was intoxicated at the time the crime was committed, his attorneys asserted, and therefore have been guilty of premeditated murder.

GOODYEAR MAN WILL SPEAK HERE TUESDAY

As a feature of the final session of the meeting of the West Virginia Automobile Association held in Clarksburg on October 10, a representative of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., J. C. Kroll, made an address dealing with the modern methods of conducting an automobile garage, touching on every angle of the business. It was said to have been one of the best talks along this line ever made in this state. A number of local dealers were at the Clarksburg meeting, and they were so impressed that they at once started to make plans to bring Mr. Kroll to Fairmont. He will be the guest of honor and will make the principal address at a meeting of the Fairmont Automobile Association to be held at the Y. M. C. A. Building next Tuesday evening. The meeting will take the form of a dinner, and the dinner will start at 6:30.

All the employees of all the automobile interests in the city have been invited. It is said that the heads of the local concerns will have as their guests at the dinner all their employees. R. M. Morgan is in charge of the arrangements and today mailed out letters to all the members of the association.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

The following marriage licenses have been granted in the office of County Clerk Lee N. Satterfield: Harry Belcher, colored, 35, and Sora Bean, colored, widow, 34, both of Fairmont.

Doty Croston, 25, and May Davis, 27, both of Monongalia.

FAIRMONT JURIST LEADING M'GINNIS BY 5,224 VOTES

Election of Two Republicans and Four Democrats to House Now Certain.

LEAD CUT SLIGHTLY

Neely's Majority Unchanged by Returns From Missing Precincts.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Nov. 9.—West Virginia's interest in election results continued today, with the choice of United States senator and representatives settled, to the close contest for a place on the Supreme Court bench. James A. Meredith of Fairmont, who was appointed to fill the place by Governor Morgan and was a candidate Tuesday for the unexpired portion of the term, had a lead of 5,224 over W. H. McGinnis of Beckley, the Democratic candidate on the count, with 250 precincts in the state missing. Discovery of an error in the vote reported from Putnam County cut down a lead of 7,000. Judge Meredith was believed to hold before the error was discovered, but despite their change his friends declared their belief that the completed count would show him victor, while Democratic leaders were equally hopeful that their candidate would overcome